[Translation]

Upgradation of Sujra Station

3422. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS *be pleased to state:*

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade the Sujra Station on Delhi-Baghpat-Shyamli section to 'B' class during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposal has not been found financially justified.

LPG agencies in Rajsthan

3423. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of LPG agencies at present in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government have received complaints from consumers of various gas agencies in Ajmer district regarding irregularities being committed by them; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As on 1.4.1991 there were 158 LPG distributorships in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Whenever complaints are received they are looked into and appropriate action is taken.

[English]

Production in Central Coalfields Limited in Eighth Plan

3424. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any step to increase coal production during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the target proposed to be set up for coal production in the Eighth plan, particularly by the Central Coalfields Limited?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) for the development of coal industry is under preparation.

[Translation]

Amount spent on Oil and Gas Drilling in Rajasthan

3425. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the exploration work for oil and natural gas has been going on in Rajasthan; and

(b) the amount spent thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Since 1958.

(b) Till 31.3.1991. a total amount of Rs. 260.96 crores has been spent.

Waiting List for LPG Connection in Karnataka

3426. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise waiting list for LPG connections in Karnataka and the present monthly demand of LPG in the State; and

(b) the steps taken to provide LPG connections to all the applicants on the waiting lists?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As on 1.4.91, 2.62 lakhs persons are on the waiting list. The average monthly consumption during 1990-91 was 9.1 TMT.

(b) Efforts are on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as possible in Karnataka.

Coal Mafia

3427. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deposited money of the coal mafia has been forfeited after the investigation conducted by the C.B.I.;

(b) if so, the amount forfeited since 1980, till now;